

CENTER FOR THE INLAND BAYS  
**CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Draft Meeting Minutes  
September 17, 2015

CAC Members Present

Susie Ball, CAC Chair	Carrie Bennett
Steve Britz, CAC Vice Chair, by phone	Steve Callanen
Ptery Iris, CAC Secretary	Pete Keenan
John Austin	Shirley Price
Dennis Bartow	Cheryl Rehrig
Bob Batky	Gary Taylor
	Joanne Cabry, CIB BOD Chair

CIB Staff Present

Chris Bason, Executive Director  
Sally Boswell, Education & Outreach Coordinator  
Katie Goerger, Communications Specialist  
Marianne Walch, Estuary Science and Restoration Coordinator

Members of the Public Present

Sallie Callanen                      Robert Taylor

Guest Speakers Present

L. Stanton Hale, PhD, of Barnegat Bay Partnership, CIB's sister estuary program in New Jersey, talked to the meeting via Skype about their work on the enacting of the New Jersey fertilizer law.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Susie Ball called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. Sally Boswell welcomed the new Communications Specialist, Katie Goerger, and introduced the guest speaker, Dr. L. Stanton Hale.

**SPEAKERS**

Stan Hale spoke of Barnegat Bay Partnership's organizing of a Nutrient Management Symposium to study and make recommendations for legislation to deal with the increased nutrient load in New Jersey's estuaries. Issues included the application timing and the length of the application season, as well as buffer zone enforcement and relabeling of fertilizer packages. Education is a key component of the NJ program, including informational reminders inserted in water bills, and a lawn fixer website. While studies have shown that nutrient loading on lawns does result in nutrient loading in the waterways, it will be a few years before it will be possible to determine whether NJ's program results in decreased nutrient loading in the waterways.

**BREAK**

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Approval of Minutes*

Shirley Price moved to approve the minutes of April 16, 2015, and June 18, 2015. Dennis Bartow seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

*CAC Operating Rules Committee*

Susie Ball presented a draft of the revised CAC Operating Rules.

Motions:

1. Shirley Price moved to amend Section 8 to include public comment time at the end of the agenda; Bob Batky seconded. After discussion, the vote was 5 for the amendment, 7 opposed. The motion was defeated.
2. John Austin moved that a Section 8 D be added that non-CAC members in attendance may join discussions on an agenda item at the discretion of the CAC Chair. Steve Callanen seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous in favor of the amendment.
3. Bob Batky moved that Section 5 D 3 be amended to result in a CIB staff member taking minutes rather than the Secretary of the CAC; Steve Callanen seconded. The vote was 3 for the amendment, 8 opposed. The motion was defeated.
4. Following more discussion, Pete Keenan called for a vote to approve the revised CAC Operating Rules. The vote was 7 in favor of approval, 4 opposed.

The revised CAC Operating rules were approved. They will be forwarded to the CIB Board for approval.

*Residential Fertilization*

Susie Ball distributed a memo to the CIB board which requests that the Board direct the CIB to research the impact of residential fertilization on nutrient flows into the Inland Bays. Susie asked the CAC for approval for its being forwarded to the CIB Board and to the STAC. John Austin moved to approve, Ptery iris seconded; the vote was unanimous in favor. The report is attached.

*Outreach*

Susie Ball reported on the Outreach Committee's efforts, concentrating on the Your Creek program. The committee's report is attached.

*CAC Diversity*

Steve Britz, Susie Ball, and Dennis Bartow form this committee. One of the strategic goals of the CIB is to improve CAC diversity. The committee presented the CAC Diversity Action Plan. All were in favor of forwarding this action plan to the Board. Copy is attached

*CIB UPDATE*

Chris Bason's update was postponed due to the late hour, but he asked that everyone try to attend the Clean Water task force meeting on 9/23/15 at the Rehoboth Convention Center. Details will be emailed to all.

*Burton Island*

This report was postponed.

*Your Creek*

Sally Boswell announced that the Love Creek team will meet Thurs. 9/24/15 at 4:30 at CIB, and the Dirickson Creek team on Tues. 10/6/15. So far, 357 responses have been received to the Dirickson Creek survey. Sally will email the CAC.

CAC will meet again November 19, 2015, at 5:00 P.M.

ADJOURN 7:45 PM following motion by Ptery Iris, second by John Austin.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Ptery Iris, Secretary